CUSTOMER
Collier Mosquito
Control District

INDUSTRY
State government organization

LOCATION
Naples, Florida

Number of Locations
Two

Number of Employees
30

SYSTEM
Sage FAS Gov 500 Fixed Assets

Modules in Operation
- FAS Gov 500 Asset Accounting
- FAS Gov 500 Asset Inventory
- FAS Report Writer

Collier Mosquito Control District Controls Fixed Assets With Sage FAS Gov Fixed Assets

The mission of Florida's Collier Mosquito Control District (CMCD) is to serve the community by suppressing pestiferous and disease-carrying mosquito populations to a tolerable level in the safest, most economical manner. The District carries out its mission while utilizing a variety of methods in a way that minimizes potential effects on people, wildlife, and the environment.

Controlling the mosquito population for 98 percent of Collier County, and covering 401 square miles, CMCD is the role model for other mosquito control districts. With a dedicated, motivated workforce of nearly 30 employees who support the District's mission, CMCD does a lot with its $8 million annual operating budget.

The District's finance department sought a fixed asset management system to help it comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, which requires all state and local entities to track and depreciate fixed assets on an annual basis.

The District was required to comply with the third level of GASB 34. CMCD's fixed assets include several buildings, eight aircraft, computer equipment, and various automobiles.

So Easy to Use

"We were using a [Microsoft] Access database, but our auditors weren't satisfied with the depreciation process using that system," says Stacy Welch, CMCD's Director of Administration. "After conducting a thorough search, we purchased Sage Software's Sage FAS Gov Fixed Assets solution."

CHALLENGE	SOLUTION	RESULTS
Auditors did not like depreciation capabilities of Microsoft Access database; needed solution to help District comply with GASB 34.	Sage FAS Gov Fixed Assets, a product line especially designed to meet the fixed asset management needs of government and school organizations.	Enjoying benefits of easy-to use, automated system, with control over data and GASB-compliant reports.

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CMCD is happy with how easy it is to use their new fixed asset management solution. Welch was able to train herself on the system. She adds, "We pull assets into the system very quickly, and if we make mistakes, we can easily clean up our little messes."

One example of a "little mess" Welch describes is when she was getting used to calculating fixed asset depreciation. Prior to GASB 34, the District was not required to depreciate fixed assets.

"One day, I was trying to change the stated life of a few fixed assets, and I made a mistake," says Welch. "I called customer support, and found that the problem was amazingly simple to fix."

More Control Over Data

Welch also enjoys the reports she can easily create using the automated fixed asset management software. Her auditors like them too.

"Another great thing about our fixed asset software is we don't have to link it to our general ledger," explains Welch. "I know I can link it if I want, but I prefer having more control over the data, so we manually enter the information."

CMCD completed its second GASB 34 audit using the new fixed asset management software at the end of September 2005. Concludes Welch, "I felt confident the process would be trouble-free."

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